extent of protection afforded to by it to depositors as at the end of 1985, 1986 and 1987 are furnished in the following table:

(Amount in crores of Rs.)

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1.	Assessable Deposits	76,517	86,214	103,044
2.	Insured Deposits	56,211	'62,878	75,511
i.	Percentage of 2 to 1	73.05	72.9	73.3
4.	Total number of accounts (in lakhs)	2,238	2,360	2,569
5.	Fully protected accounts (in lakhs)	2,145	2,320	2,518
<	Percentage of 5 to 4	95.8	98.0	98.0

Further the year-wise amount of guaranteed advonces in respect of farmers and agriculturists for the last three years 1985, 1986 and 1987 (latest available), under the Small Loans Guarantee Scheme, 1971 of DICGC was Rs. 5057.75 crores, Rs. 6020.34 crores and Rs. 6428.29 crores respectively.

Cash credit to farmers

3509. SHRl PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request was made to the Central Government to provide cash credit facility to farmers in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof an<j Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ha_s reported that no such request was received by them. However, the public sector banks were advised hy Government in April, 1988 to consider launching of credit card scheme on the lines of a scheme introduced by Dena Bank. The Scheme will facilitate the farmers with good track record to get the credit instantly and also dispense with execution of documents in each agricultural season. The Reserve Bank of India, i_n this regard, has reported that the Agricultural Credit Card Scheme has been introduced by Syndicate Bank, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, Andhra Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Allahabad Bank, besides Den_a Bank, on an experimental basis.

राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में गैर सरकारी निदेशकों की नियुक्ति

3510. डा० अबरार अहमद खान: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा क करें कि :

(क) उन राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के नाम क्या हैं जिनमें गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों के पद आज की तारीख में रिक्त पड़े हैं ;

(ख) वर्तमान गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों को इन बैंकों में कब नियुक्त किया गया था और उनकी कार्यावधि कब समाप्त होनी थी ;

(ग) इस प्रकार के गैर-सरकारी निदेशकों की नियुक्ति के क्या मानदंड हैं; और

(घ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार ऐसे पदों पर नियुक्त किये गये अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों के व्यक्तियों की संख्या क्या है ?